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REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

Call for the Annual Convention of the State League.

The fourth annual convention of the Republican League of the State of West Virginia will convene in the city of Parkersburg, Wood county, at 12 o'clock noon, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1892 (this day having been recommended by the League), for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the selection of delegates to the fifth annual convention of the Republican League of the United States, and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before it.

Each Republican club in the state is entitled to be represented by five delegates.
It is requested that the election of delegates be held and a list thereof be forwarded to the Secretary of the State League at Parkersburg, W. Va., as soon as possible.
Full information as to the rates of transportation will be published as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.
HENRY C. FLEISHER, President.
R. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

THE approaching contest is rendered especially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the Government being at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment and will be of far-reaching consequence.

James G. Blaine.

Won't Believe It.

It is not strange that the friends of Mr. Blaine are disappointed. They hoped that he would permit himself to be nominated, for in him they recognize the first American statesman of the day, and this was thought to be a good time for him. The earnest desire for his nomination does not, however, warrant the construction put on his letter by some of his supporters. For example, note this very free interpretation of the text by the *Pittsburg Commercial Gazette*:

Those who have believed that Mr. Blaine, while in no sense a candidate as seeking the office, would not refuse to accept a nomination if it came as the practically unanimous call of the party, will see nothing in this letter to change their belief. Note the language. He says he is not a candidate and that his name will not go before the convention. Very true. He declines in effect that he does not seek the nomination and that no one will be authorized to present his name to the convention. That is what his friends have believed all along. But suppose when the name of California is called in the national convention her delegates, without any formal presentation of the name, begin voting for Mr. Blaine, and that other states fall in line and the convention nominates him with a hurrah. Is there a man who would feel that he had refused such a call as to accept a nomination? Unless Mr. Blaine's health should forbid, that is just about what is likely to happen at Minneapolis. He has spoken, and neither President Harrison nor any other candidate can complain that he has not in a fair field and ample time to organize his candidacy. No further word is likely to come from Mr. Blaine, but the general verdict will be that while he is seeking the office, the office will seek him, that he will be nominated with substantial unanimity and elected because of his strength with the people and because, as he well said, in his letter, "the industrial and financial policies of the government are at stake."

This is a direct challenge of Mr. Blaine's sincerity. It is a point-blank accusation that he is paltering with his party. This he has never done. Why should he do it now? If he desired the nomination he did not have to scheme for it. The party was thrusting it at him. Those friends of his who now pay him the compliment to take him at his word would have been for him to the last. He did not even have to say that he would accept the nomination. The prize so coveted by other men would have been his. He had only to do nothing and to say nothing.

In this matter Mr. Blaine appears before his party in no new and untried situation. He stands now where he did in 1888. The party desired above all things to nominate him. In his Florence letter he said no. Then came as a reality the very state of affairs which the *Commercial Gazette*, now sets up as something that is likely to happen when the name of California is called in the convention.

Before the convention of 1888 was called to order, and after, Mr. Blaine was urged by telegraph to permit the use of his name. He refused. Although he was not placed in nomination the last-ditch Californians who had been insisting that he should be nominated in spite of his refusal, began voting for Blaine in the hope of stampeding the convention to him. Better counsels prevailed among Mr. Blaine's best friends. That great convention refused to say it did not believe the man who was its first choice for the Presidency. As it was with the Chicago convention in 1888 so it will be with the Minneapolis convention in 1892.

"Note the language of his letter," says the *Commercial Gazette*. This is precisely what was done in every newspaper office in the country before the letter was put in print. Every line, every word, was weighed. When the returns are in more fully we think it will be seen that the great majority of the newspapers of the country have read the letter as the INTELLIGENCER has and accepted it as a final and conclusive declaration which does not leave the convention at liberty to nominate Mr. Blaine.

If those who believed that Mr. Blaine

would accept a "practically unanimous call of the party will see nothing in this letter to change their belief," they are blind because they refuse to see and they say of their party's favorite that he is a shuffler in politics and a man not to be believed. The INTELLIGENCER is aware that this is not what the *Commercial Gazette* and some others mean to say, but the inference is none the less reasonable and logical.

Mr. Blaine intends his letter as a declaration. He means that he would not accept a nomination. For this sufficient reason he will not be nominated.

A Fact and a Reminder.

The chairman of the regular Democratic committee of Louisiana, the lottery wing of the Democratic party, admits the receipt of Winchester rifles and ammunition as described in the dispatches.

He says there has been no attempt to conceal the shipment and no effort to disguise the reason for securing the arms. Believing that the civil and the military power of the state are to be used by the Democratic administration to frustrate a free expression of the will of the people, the managers of his party determined to prevent bulldozing, if possible, and to see that they get a fair count.

Here is a fight between Democrats in which one faction openly declares that it believes it necessary to have arms to insure a fair election.

Let us suppose that this is not the reason for securing arms; that the lottery Democrats are stocking up to carry the election at the muzzle of the rifle if they cannot carry it any other way—either way you take it there is confirmation of the Republican charge that there are no free and fair elections in certain of the southern states.

Yesterday's Election.

For the first time representatives of the press have been present at an election, and the great state of New York has not by reason of that fact swung loose from her ancient moorings.

There is no longer any guessing as to what was done. Instead of this there is a straightforward account which shows that some advance in methods has been made since the first victim was touched off.

No sympathy need be wasted on the young scoundrel who was dispatched. He set out to rob and wound up by as brutal a murder as was ever committed. He hacked his victim to pieces.

The law was much more merciful to him, among other things giving him two years to prepare for the life beyond. He seems to have begun his preparations within a few days of the end.

The Hotel Royal Disaster.

The night watchman of the Hotel Royal did what he thought was best, but the thing for him to do was to give the alarm as soon as he saw the fire. But his mistake of judgment was not the most serious thing in connection with the deplorable affair.

The walls of that building fell in too soon. If they had been what they should have been they would have held out longer and the loss of life would not have been so great. In view of what may happen at any time in a hotel, it is not strange that the hotels believed to be fire-proof are sought by thoughtful travelers.

Unfortunately there are not many such hotels. There will be more as human life comes to be held in higher esteem. The law will then tolerate none but fire-proof hotels.

A Man With a Head on Him.

One of the best bits of detective work Wheeling has seen for a long time was done by the Russian laborer who lay in wait for the men who robbed him at the Milwaukee saloon and managed to turn one of them over to the police. There is something in that man, as is further witnessed by the fact that he already has a snug little bank account. The city could afford to refund him his lost money for the good police service he has rendered.

The Natural Gas Question.

The natural gas matter comes up in Council to-night and should be disposed of. Private consumers feel that they should be given the preference over the city's public works. They feel also that in relieving the company of a service which it says it cannot perform longer they should be protected against an increase in price. Council should see to it that this protection is secured. At fifteen cents a thousand natural gas bills run up high enough.

A CINCINNATI husband who made a discovery said to the other man in the case, "Take her with you; she is yours now." That was characteristic. It enabled the woman to make a discovery. What a pity that some women will not believe until they have bought experience at a dear price.

It looks as though the New York Life Insurance Company has been obliged to make a deal with President Beers to get rid of him. The price paid for his resignation is the princely sum of \$25,000 a year for life, and it comes out of the pockets of the insured. It is a marvelous transaction.

When David Boulanger Hill read the letter of declaration he exclaimed: "Hully jinks! an' here's me a hustlin' for it till I can't breathe most hardly! Man must a gone crazy."

He is a very big man who refuses the Presidency of the United States, and he hails from Maine.

"The letter that never came" was not Mr. Blaine's. Are you there, Grover Cleveland?

PRESIDENT HARRISON, here's looking to you and inauguration day.

Mexico is not doing better than Hungary did in her recent elections. The

rifle and the revolver are poor election-eering arguments.

The British lion sometimes roars, but when Mr. Blaine looms up before him he snarls. He is exercising himself in this way at this time.

Now Mr. Blaine will not be suspected of having his weather eye on the convention when he does something or does nothing.

Where is the able Democratic aspirant for gubernatorial honors who can cork up McCorkle? That is the question.

THE LETTER AND THE NOMINEE.

Thinks It Knows It All.

The letter comes too late to be regarded as spontaneous and wholly sincere, and its most general interpretation will be on the lines which its author has made familiar to the people. He has wished to have the nomination thrust upon him. To that end the exertions of his supporters have been made. The letter now in hand is in Mr. Blaine's own expressive language, "An Anchor to Windward," for it will be expected to cover a vast amount of campaigning hereafter, and it will not be widely regarded as an honest disavowal of an ambition which has brought innumerable embellishments and more than one defeat upon the Republican party. In other words, Mr. Blaine's statements now and in the future will be accepted for what they are worth. We may expect to know their true meaning and their real real object when the particular emergency that brought them forth has become a matter of history.

Now for the Campaign.

The country will be glad at the prospect of a quiet, but strong, campaign, and the highly satisfactory close of the same by the re-election of General Harrison. The issues are set, and all to be engaged in the contest know that it will be on economic and financial issues. The chances for success on the Republican side have rapidly improved since the anti-McKinley tidal wave of two years ago.

Harrison and Victory.

With this record, with the prevailing prosperity, in no small degree due to Republican legislation, and with a united party, harmonious, confident and enthusiastic, Benjamin Harrison will be his own successor. And in achieving this result, the Republicans of Pennsylvania, with James G. Blaine, will be found at the front.

It Means Harrison.

For the second time Mr. Blaine has thrust from him a presidential nomination which he could have had simply by indicating his willingness to accept. It has seemed wiser to him that another should bear the burden and the banner. It is now, as it was in 1888, a situation without parallel in the history of politics. It follows, of course, that Mr. Harrison will be re-nominated.

Does Not Want It.

The probabilities are that the withdrawal of Mr. Blaine from the race will render more certain the renomination of President Harrison. Should Mr. Blaine's supporters continue to push his candidacy it will likely call forth from him another declaration. Nothing is more certain than that he does not want the nomination.

Must be Taken at His Word.

The great American statesman has announced a decision which is a renunciation of the presidential office, and he must now be taken at his word as to a decided aversion to the candidacy of 1892, whatever the future may bring forth. Even in declining to compete for its highest honors, Mr. Blaine has given to his party a glorious and invincible war cry.

Harrison Stands for All.

His withdrawal will inspire renewed recognition of the strength of the sterling and sagacious President whose administration has been conspicuously successful in every sense of statesmanship, and who, stands unflinchingly for protection, sound currency and the maintenance of American honor always and everywhere.

A Dark Horse Chance.

For a second time in his career James G. Blaine puts aside a presidential nomination that would, without question, be his if he would accept it. Without Blaine, what? An open-to-all race, with the chances in favor of the perpetually reappearing dark horse.

A Possibility.

What an embarrassing situation it would be were this letter to augment the Blaine boom instead of removing it from the presidential problem. "Caesar thrice declined a kingly crown," and in a matter of politics Blaine could have given Caesar points.

May not all Accept it.

Republicans who will accept his letter as a positive declaration will do so with sincere regret, believing that the result of the campaign and the good of the country are by this declaration given some uncertainty.

Harrison Way Ahead.

The declaration, of course, leaves President Harrison far in the lead as the only candidate about whose name any positive organization is centered.

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

Mrs. William Henderson is one of the oldest persons in the town of Ryegate, Vt., being in her ninety-sixth year. She is still straight as an arrow, weight 125 pounds, is the last in the family to go to bed and the first to get up in the morning, works as regularly as ever, has the step of a woman of forty years old, and is able to make an occasional trip on foot to her daughter's, three-quarters of a mile away.

The Political Pot.

An ingenious and merry-concocted friend has this to say regarding the railroad centres of the United States: "Concord and large towns not in it. Essex Junction is the place. More than 10,000 trains a day, and no man can ever tell where they came from or where going. Population of place mostly undertakers, and all wealthy; got rich burying the people who fell dead of exhaustion or discouragement trying to find out about trains."—New York Sun.

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